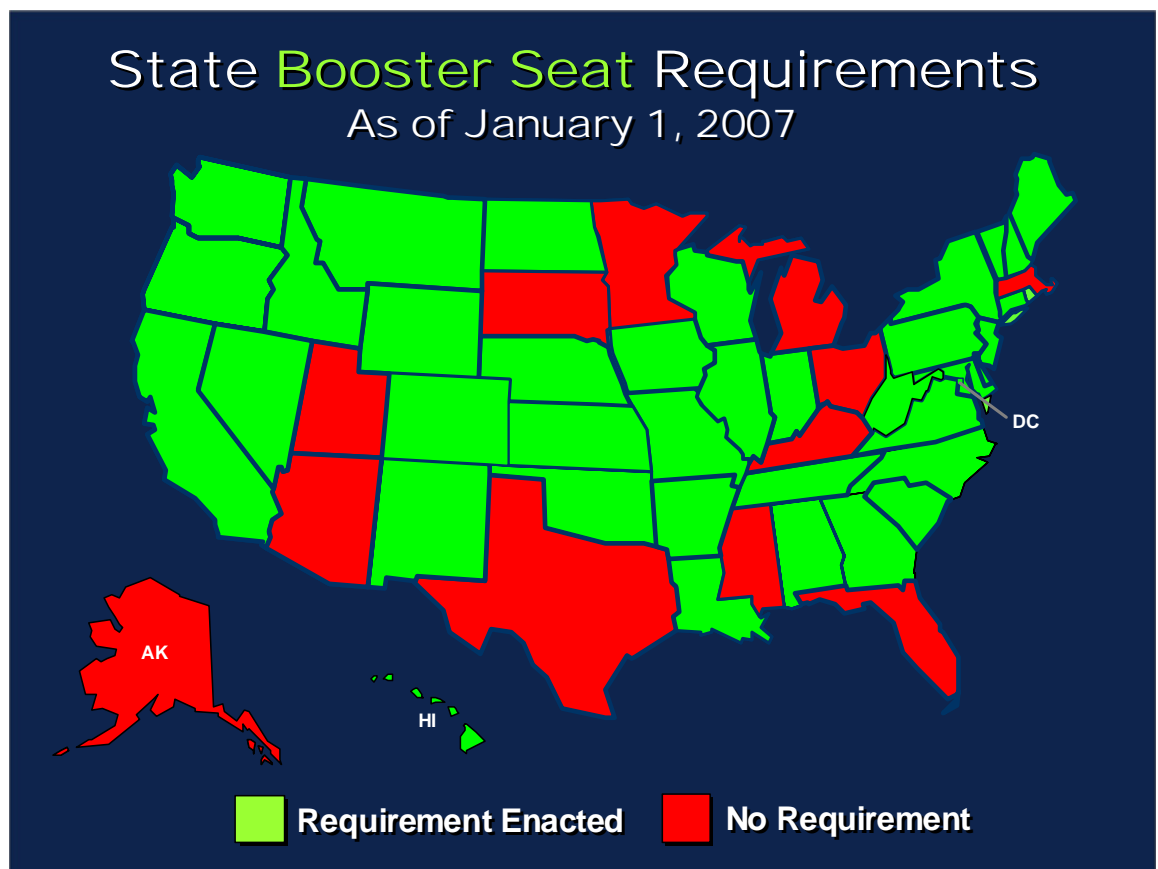


## State Booster Seat Use Requirements in the U.S.

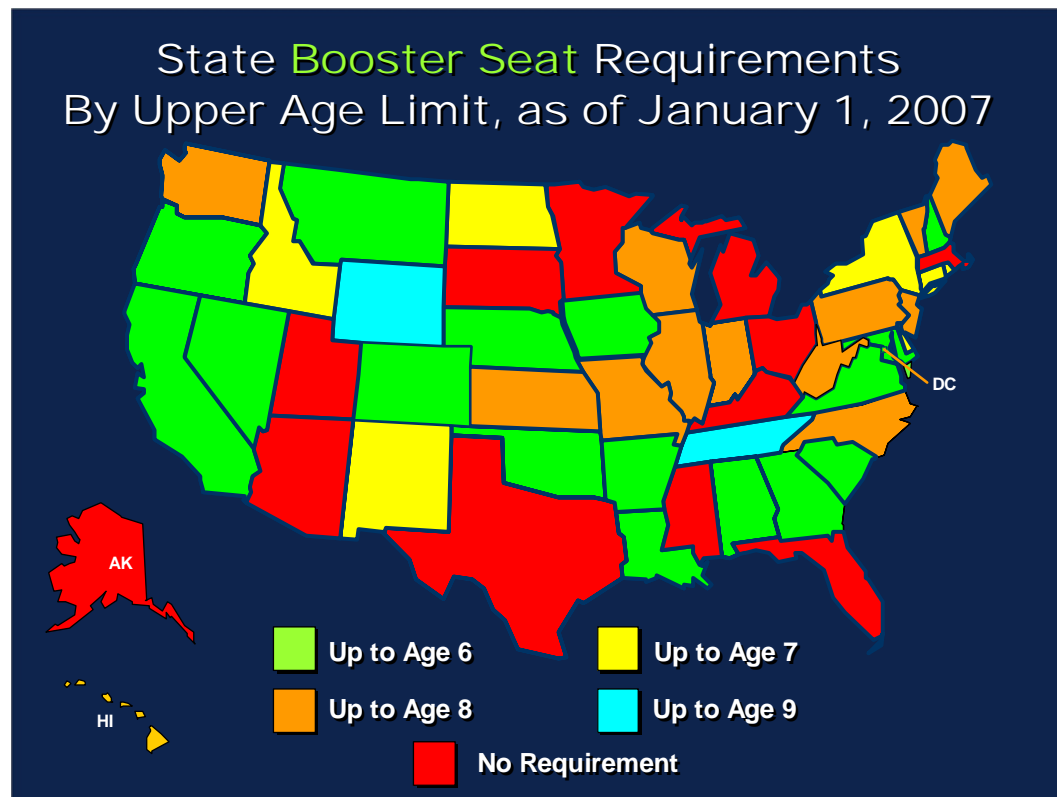
As of January 1, 2007, 38 States and the District of Columbia had enacted provisions in their child restraint laws requiring the use of a booster seat or other appropriate restraint device by children who have outgrown their forward-facing child safety seats, but who are still too small to use an adult safety belt system correctly.

The following jurisdictions have enacted these lifesaving provisions:

Alabama	Maryland	Tennessee
Arkansas	Missouri	Vermont
California	Montana	Virginia
Colorado	Nebraska	Washington
Connecticut	Nevada	West Virginia
District of Columbia	New Hampshire	Wisconsin
Delaware	New Jersey	Wyoming
Georgia	New Mexico	
Hawaii	New York	
Idaho	North Carolina	
Iowa	North Dakota	
Illinois	Oklahoma	
Indiana	Oregon	
Kansas	Pennsylvania	
Louisiana	Rhode Island	
Maine	South Carolina	



Specific provisions vary widely from State to State. All laws include an age limit, but some States also emphasize weight limits, while others also stipulate height requirements.



The most recently enacted requirements were in Alabama, Hawaii, Kansas, Missouri and Wisconsin, all of which were signed into law in 2006.

States have continued to strengthen their child restraint laws in other ways as well, such as requiring children to ride in the back seat, and prohibiting children, especially infants, from riding in the path of an active front passenger airbag.

**Please note:**

- In Washington State, the age requirement will rise from 6 to 8 years of age, effective June 1, 2007.

**Additional details on state child restraint laws can be found at:**

- [http://www.iihs.org/laws/state\\_laws/restrain2.html](http://www.iihs.org/laws/state_laws/restrain2.html)
- <http://www.saferoads.org/issues/BoosterSeatLawChart.pdf>

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